

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**After the Title of the Invention and before line 1, insert the following new heading and paragraph:**

**BACKGROUIND OF THE INVENTION**

**Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 1 has been amended as follows:**

The invention relates to a guide device in particular for the positioning of catheters in a body duct ~~in compliance with the title of Patent Claim 1.~~

**Paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 3 has been amended as follows:**

A Another guide device ~~in accordance with the title of Patent Claim 1~~ is known from US-A-5 337 733. This guide device comprises a chamber lying between an inner wall and an outer wall, which can be sealed to the outside. The outer wall is formed b y a flexible hose. The inner wall is also formed by a hose which, in contrast to the outer wall, can be deformed in the radial direction to the inside when a guide is introduced in the chamber. Furthermore, the outer wall can lie against the inner wall through the evacuation of the intermediate chamber in order to make the guide device stiff. The outer wall and the inner wall can attach to each other through attachment elements.

Delete in its entirety the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 4.

After line 3 and before line 4 of page 4, insert the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

After line 11 and before line 12 of page 7, insert the following new heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

After line 9 and before line 10 of page 8, insert the following new heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

In accordance with one form of implementation, the first wire thread and the second wire thread or the first wire thread or the second wire thread is manufactured from a magnetizable material, in particular a weakly magnetic material. In accordance with another form of implementation, the first wire thread and the second wire thread or the first wire thread or the second wire thread is manufactured from a non-magnetizable material and provided with ~~amagnetizable~~ a magnetizable coating 7 on its surface, whereby it is possible to apply the

coating only in the areas of wire threads 2 and 3 which face toward the other wire thread in each case. These are, for example, the basic surfaces 6 of the cylinder segment-shaped second wire threads 3 in the case of the form of implementation in accordance with Fig. 3. The magnetizable coating 7 can be provided on the basic surfaces 10 of the cylinder halves 11 and 12 in the example in accordance with Fig. 4.

**Paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 13 has been amended as follows:**

In the form of implementation presented in Fig. 4, the first wire thread 3 2 and the second wire thread 2 3 are shaped approximately identically with each other and shaped as half-cylinders. The two halves of the cylinder 11 and 12 thereby lie flat against each other and produce a circular-shaped cross-section in their assembled or pressed together condition. In this case, the individual wire threads 2 and 3 are also enveloped preferably by an outer sleeve 13.